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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

FOR BRADY, FROM BOYER; HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

1. QUOTE: JACK ANDERSON REPORTS AUGUST 10 AS FOLLOWS,
PARTIAL TEXT: ONE FORMER OFFICER STATIONED AT NAKHON
PHANOM TOLD US 40 PER CENT OF THE AIRMEN USED DRUGS, AND
THE RATIO MIGHT BE HIGHER IN THE 18 TO 25 AGE GROUP. RADAR
TECHNICIANS WERE "STONED" WHILE THEY WERE ON DUTY BEFORE
THEIR SENSITIVE SCREENS, AND GUNSHIP HELICOPTER CREWMEN
WENT TO BATTLE HIGH ON DRUGS.

2. A HELICOPTER PARA-RESCUE MAN WAS WOBBLY ON HEROIN AS HE
WENT SEARCHING FOR DOWNED AMERICAN PILOTS, THE EX-OFFICER
TOLD US. THE DRUGGED AIRMAN WAS DISCOVERED AND SENT HOME.

3. AIR FORCE SPOKESMEN AND OUR OWN OBSERVERS ON THE SCENE
HAVE CONVINCED US HEROIN USE HAS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY
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AMONG AIRMEN AT NAKHON PHANOM. BUT IT REMAINS EPIDEMIC

AMONG THE NATIVE POPULATION WHOSE DRUG ADDICTS ONCE NUMBERED
ONLY A FEW OLD OPIUM SMOKERS.

4. "SMACK" AS HEROIN IS CALLED, AND OTHER HARD DRUGS ARE
USED BY "MOST OF THE YOUNG GIRLS (PROSTITUTES)," ACCORDING
TO A TAPED INTERVIEW WITH AN 18-YEAR-OLD THAI

PROSTITUTE NEAR THE U.S. BASE. SHE "SHOT UP" WITH HEROIN
DURING THE INTERVIEW.

5. CODEL MAY WISH TO CHECK STORY. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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